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- The samples examined, all of which were imported during 1950, are identified as follows:
 - A Manchurian carpet wool.
 - A machine-cleaned hand-shaken wool sample from Chekiang.
 - A hand-shaken Shantung carpet wool.
 - A carpet wool from North China.
 - A Chekiang pulled wool sample which had been machine-cleaned.
 - f. A Chekiang spring wool which had been hand-shaken.
- The results of the examination are reported as follows:
 - a. Sample a. exhibits "handle" and is suitable for blankets of reasonable quality and possibly for heavy weight uniform cloth. This quality of wool would not meet the specifications of the U. S. military procurement agencies.
 - b. Sample b. had been machine-cleaned and hand-shaken as specified and is infested with moths which had caused considerable damage. The wool does not appear suitable for other uses than carpet manufacture.
 - c. Sample c. is a hand-shaken pulled wool which is guaranteed by the exporter to yield 55% all white fibers after scouring. Laboratory scouring yielded slightly more than 55%, but the samples did not scour white. This wool is suitable for carpet manufacture only.
 - d. Sample d. is of mixed colors, including black, gray, and brown. The sample is stained and moth infested. This wool is regarded as suitable for carpet manufacture only.
 - Sample e. is a pulled wool showing evidence of attack by moths and is regarded as suitable for carpet manufacture only.
 - f. Sample f. is a pulled wool with moth damage, regarded as suitable for carpet manufacture only.

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- 3. These wool samples contain no appreciable quantities of wool grease, so that a determination of the grease weight was not found to be worthwhile.
- 4. On file in the CIA Library are photomicrographs of wool from sample a. These photographs show the characteristic fiber diameters and indicate the approximate percentage of kemp found in the sample.

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